



Ham Rag

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CLUB MEETING

Next Meeting-

October 12, 2007

Discussion -

Plan of action\ APRS

Time

7:00pm to End

Where

Saint Anthony's

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From David and Susan

From David Peterson, KA9GEU and Susan Peterson, KC9JDT,

Attached to this memo is the set of RARA goals that we, as a club, worked out at our last meeting on September 14.

At this month's meeting on October 12, we would like to continue our discussion on strategic planning. From our outlined goals, we will begin to talk about the necessary strategies which will result in plans of action that will allow us to move forward.

The strategic planning process that we are using is an open process. If you have anything to add or subtract from what we do, speak up.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

73

David and Susan

RARA Goals from September 14, 2007 Meeting

Improve Meeting Programs

Make more interesting and should have fun!
Have variety and cover all aspects of ham radio
Offer social interaction
Form Interest Groups (HF, DXing, contests, antennas, satellites, kit building, ATV, new tech info, licensing and upgrading, refresher courses, community events, ARES, digital modes – psk 31, packet, etc.)

- 1) Have group meetings
- 2) Then report to members

RARA Goals from September 14, 2007 Meeting Cont.

Saturday, October, 20th

VE-TESTING

What: Amateur Radio Exams

Where: St. Anthony Medical Center, St. Frances Room

When: Meet 9:00 AM until 10:30 AM,

Info: Walk-ins are welcome.

We are looking for the vinyl sign. If you have the club's sign please email the club and let us know. You can email us at w9axd@w9axd.org.

Beginning October 20th and ending October 27th, Carl will be giving the tech license class. The fee is \$50.00. The class is 2 Saturdays. The class starts at 8:00am and goes till 4:00pm. This is held at Rockvalley College.

Have members report on their ham activities (contacts, awards, etc.)
Cover non-radio topics of interest
Plan 2008 Club Events

Determine dates, times, places, chairs for:

- 1) Banquet
- 2) Field Day
- 3) Breakfast in the Park
- 4) Picnic
- 5) OTW

Chairs give status report at each meeting
Communicate to Members and Others

- a. Improve Ham Rag distribution
 - b. Get meeting program info to members 6 months early
 - c. Include member bios in Ham Rag
 - d. Dialogue with other clubs
 - e. Publish club schedules and other info in Ham Rag and on Mon. Night Net
4. Mentoring/Elmering
 - a. Offer refresher courses for licensing and upgrading
 - b. Help new hams establish a ham station
 - c. Club Directory should list members' radio interests and willingness to assist others or share knowledge – use RARA membership application to obtain info
 5. Community Connections
 - a. PR Officer needed
 - b. Define, explain, and publish ham radio to others
 - c. Do the things spelled out in the RARA Mission:

"A member association with common interest of public service to the community through the use of amateur radio."

Membership Outreach

Use on-air recruitment to invite others to meetings
Reach out to old-timers and invite them to talk at meeting
Encourage family involvement
Visit schools to involve students and teachers
Send postcards with meeting invitation to all area hams and follow up with phone calls

AB9KA's Ham I-Q Refresher

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- C. Transequatorial
- D. Auroral

Answers on page 7

2007 RARA Officers and Board

President—Don Russell
KB9AYF
Vice President — We are
looking
Secretary — Chuck
Derwent K9SAN
Treasurer — Gene Harlan
WB9MMM
Directors:
Shari Harlan N9SH, Dan
Hunt KC9ATR,
Kurt Eversole KE9NJ and
Carl Cacciatore W9TQ
Newsletter — Joseph
Perry, KB9MTH
Web Master — We are
looking

Secretary's Report

RARA Minutes for September 14, 2007

Introduced members and guests

The treasures report was read and approved

On the water front went well. A report will be available in October.

The meeting was on devolving a strategic plan for the club. The plan should deal with goals, strategy and actions. David and Sue Peterson led the discussion.

The DVD of the ISS contact is still available. See Gene WB9MMM.

Charles T Derwent K9SAN secretary

Note from the Editor

I want to apologize for the getting this out so late. Many of you do not know me or my wife. We have some news that may affect the rag for the next month or so.

My wife Gina, KC9JVI, will be going in for surgery on October 23. If all goes well, she will be home on

October 25. I will not be doing the November Rag. I have asked Christy Russell to take over for the November rag. Please be patient through this time. I have to be available to her and to care for our 2 year old son.

Joe Perry-KB9MTH

RARA Repeaters

146.610 - ENC/DEC pl 114.8 W9AXD
147.000 + ENC/DEC pl 114.8 W9AXD
223.880 - ENC/DEC pl 118.8 W9AXD
ATV input 1250 Mhz/ 434 Mhz
W9ATN output 421.25 Mhz

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM NOTICE

Northern Illinois Volunteer Examiners will be holding the next Amateur Radio exam session in Rockford, IL on Saturday, October 20, 2007.

Location:
St. Anthony Hospital

5666 E. State Street
Rockford, IL
Exams will be held in the St Francis Room (just right of the front entrance after you enter).

Check-in is from 9:00 AM till 10:30 AM.

What You Need To Bring To A W5YI-VEC Session

1. Your original Amateur License (unexpired or within the 2 year grace period) and a copy to attach to the paperwork.
2. Any valid CSCE that you are using for credit. Again the VE's have to see the original

and have a copy to attach to the paperwork.

3. Two forms of Identification with your signature on them. One must be a picture ID (drivers license, passport, school ID, library card, credit card, etc.)
4. Test Fee \$14.00 cash or check. (please make checks payable to W5YI-VEC)

Contact Information
Randy Scott, W9HL
W9HL@arrl.net
815-877-4328

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**FRIDAY MORNING
BREAKFAST**

Meets every Friday morning from 8 am until about 9:30 am. An informal gathering of ham folks, no affiliations necessary, good food and good company. Everyone is welcome to attend.

“Red Flame Family Restaurant” 915 S. Alpine Rd Across from Alpine Park

HAM OF THE YEAR---2007 NOMINATION

The Ham of the Year is an honor that is presented to the R.A.R.A. member who has contributed the most to the club and to amateur radio in general during the year. This year the selection will be made by a committee established to evaluate the nominations of deserving candidates from those submitted by club members.

Your nominee should be chosen using two basic criteria: The nominee must be a R.A.R.A. member and should have performed exemplary service for amateur radio during the year 2007.

We encourage you to take a few minutes to fill out the form below, or a facsimile of, completing all of the requested information. Nominations may be mailed to KC9ATR at the address below or handed to him, at the next club meeting. All nominations must be received by December 12, 2007. They will remain confidential. Your participation and early response will be appreciated.

Mail nominations to:
Dan Hunt
P.O. Box 3416
Rockford, IL 61106

Nominee _____

Call Sign: _____

I nominate the above person for the RARA Ham of the Year-2007 award for the following reasons:

Signed _____

Call _____

Ham I-Q Answers

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For sale or want items

I have some radio equipment that belonged to Roger Sawvell (SK) for sale. There is two handhelds and charger and accessories

One 2 meter hand held Yaesu-- ft-23R

One 220 hand held FT-33R

There is the charger and ext. ants. for both radios, and a speaker mike and cases for both radios. There is also an extra ni-cad Battery pack. Fnb-11 600 mah Manuals for both radios.

Asking \$200 for both or make an offer.

Dale KB9WD

dlandis@ameritech.net

(815) 633-0520

**ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO
ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Single Adult: \$25.00 Adult w/Family: \$30.00
Single Senior: \$15.00 Senior w/Family: \$20
Student: \$15.00

Above rate includes the RARA monthly newsletter, Ham Rag, via email.

Ham Rag Via U.S. Postal Service: \$12.00 extra

Name _____ Call Sign _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Email _____

Renewal _____ New _____ Retired _____

Radio Interests _____

Other Interests _____

Suggestions: _____

RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO:

ROCKFORD AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 8465
ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS 61126



RARA

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Rockford, IL 61126

E-mail: w9axd@w9axd.org

RARA Mission Statement
A member association with common interest
of public service to the community through
the use of amateur radio.

<u>Nets</u>	
Monday 8PM	2 Meter 146.610 - 114.8
Thursday 7 PM	ARES 147.195 + 114.8
Thursday 8 PM	SATURN 146.610 - 114.8

